

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Mary S. Rogone and Austin J. Webber, II  
Assignee: Small Beginnings, Inc.  
Title: THERMAL AND HUMIDITY BARRIER FOR EXTREMELY PREMATURE INFANTS  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 7, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 1, 10, and 17. All claims have been reproduced below even if not being amended for the Examiner's convenience. All claims not being amended are shown in smaller font.

1. (Twice Amended) A thermal and moisture barrier for use with a specialized heating and humidifying apparatus having a bed portion with upwardly extending panels used in the care of a neonatal infant; comprising:

a substantially flexible cover capable of being [defining when] placed over the bed portion and panels to define an enclosure to accommodate [a] the neonatal infant; and